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Booth UC Connect Magazine is published two times yearly. We want to share the good news of what has been happening at Booth University College.

As the name of the publication suggests, Booth UC thrives on our connections between instructors and students and between theory and practice. Equally valued are the linkages between this institution and learning partners across Canada and around the world. And then there are the connections with people like you. Together, we are shaping the future.

William and Catherine Booth University College, rooted in The Salvation Army's Wesleyan theological tradition, brings together Christian faith, rigorous scholarship and a passion for service. The University College educates students to understand the complexities of our world, to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to be active contributors to society, and to know how Christian faith compels them to bring hope, social justice and mercy into our world.

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President's Message



As the days become shorter and the sun's warmth gives way to winter, sometimes it is hard to remember the light and hope that God provides. His light shines for us all and the darkness has not overcome it. It is up to us to take that light into the world and share it with those in need.

In this issue of *Booth UC Connect*, you will read about students and alums who are sharing light with the world: social work student Belinda Guerra, scholarship recipient Kevin Ropp and alum Brittany Krahn (BSW/22). I hope you enjoy reading their stories. You will also get caught up on what's new with our Corporate Learning Academy, Student Services and Admissions. In addition, we are very excited to introduce our new Chair of the Board, Mr. David Michel.

I am continually amazed how our students, alums and employees continue to honour their commitment to Education for a Better World. As we head into 2023 and look forward to spring, warmth and celebrations such as the 40th Anniversary celebration and Spring Convocation, I encourage you to take a moment to remember that there is light woven throughout life. Let us all go and light our world.

Susan

Lieut. Colonel (Dr.) Susan van Duinen
President: Booth University College

*"The light shines in
the darkness, and
the darkness has
not overcome it."*

John 1:5

You're Invited

Join us in-person for Booth University College's Spring Convocation and Conferring of Degrees.

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Baccalaureate Service

10:30am Hetherington Chapel

Convocation and Conferring of Degrees

3:00pm Knox United Church

Reception to follow at Booth University College



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Georgine Van de Mosselaer, Director of Advancement at Booth UC, welcomes guests, both in-person and online, to the official launch.



Commissioner Floyd Tidd shares the vision of the CLA.



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On October 19, 2022, Booth University College officially launched the Corporate Learning Academy (CLA). The CLA provides on-demand, self-paced courses to develop professional and personal leadership skills. It offers learning excellence through best practices for transformational change while providing effective, efficient and easily accessible learning resources for Mission advancement. 🇺🇸

“The CLA is about a commitment to lifelong learning.”

*– Dr. Susan van Duinen,
President, Booth University College*

Thank you to everyone who participated in the launch!
To learn more and to access the CLA go to
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Dr. Mariciel Nuyda, Dean of the School for Continuing Studies at Booth UC, describes the benefits of the CLA.

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Practising Faith

by Ken Ramstead

Belinda Guerra's faith has deepened since attending Booth University College

"Let our Charity be a bright and burning light pointing out the path of virtue to all who surround us." - Mother Marie-Rose Durocher

It's no coincidence that Belinda Guerra's favourite quote is from the Canadian Catholic religious sister who founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and was beatified in 1982. A fellow Catholic, she also takes her faith seriously.

"My hope is to create equity and accessibility with the education I will learn at Booth University College," Belinda states. "Through learning and experience, I want to make the world more inclusive."

"Booth UC has made me want to get more involved in my Catholicism."

- Belinda Guerra

Journey to Booth UC

Born in Winnipeg and of Portuguese-Canadian descent, 25-year-old Belinda is the oldest of three siblings.

"My youngest brother has autism," she says. "Growing up in an inclusive household that supported him developed my interest in social work."

Belinda pursued an arts degree, majoring in psychology and women's and gender studies, "but I knew I needed a bachelor's in social work if I was to achieve my dream of becoming a policy analyst."

"That's My Name!"

Belinda was aware of Booth UC's stellar social-work program and was interested in finding out more, so she attended an open house via Zoom. Her interaction with Booth UC Director of Advancement's Georgine Van de Mosselaer only whetted her interest in applying.

"Georgine's daughter and I attended the same high school, so it was wonderful to have that connection," Belinda smiles. "She was a great introduction to the institution, and I could see how much she loves and respects Booth UC."

Belinda started attending Booth UC in 2021 and found it very warm, welcoming and accommodating.

"I chose Booth UC because it's more hands-on," she explains. "It's a personalized style of education with a small class size, all the easier to ask questions and establish a better relationship with professors."

Coming from a school where she felt she had just been a number, Belinda was unprepared for her first day of statistics.



"Can you imagine? My professor already knew my name," she laughs. "It's Belinda, isn't it?" he asked me. I replied in disbelief, "Yeah, that's my name!"

Learning About Christianity

While Belinda has flourished as a student, becoming involved in the Student Council and volunteering for special events as well as being awarded two well-deserved scholarships, Booth UC has also strengthened her faith.

"I'm really interested in the history of Catholicism within my family," Belinda says. "I went to church when I was young but there had been a disconnect as I grew older—I would sometimes go to church or sometimes take a pass. Booth UC has deepened my faith. Attending religion classes here, attending chapel, has made me want to get more involved in my Catholicism."

Obviously, Booth UC's Wesleyan theological tradition is different from Belinda's Catholic upbringing, but that has never been a factor for her.

"I know there's a difference," she says. "Protestantism and Martin Luther. But that doesn't matter. Like, it's still faith, right? We still believe in the same God. And when I go to Easter Sunday mass with my grandmother now and we pray and hold hands, my faith feels so much deeper. That makes me happy."

When Belinda graduates, she hopes to pursue a Master of Social Work degree, but she also wants to write a paper about her father's hometown, Fatima, Portugal, of Our Lady of Fatima fame.

"I would like to write about one of the nuns who lived there," she says. "I visited the sanctuary when I was 12, but it's totally different learning about Christianity now. Booth UC has really made me grateful to be able to practise my faith." 🇵🇹



Connected in Diversity Back On Campus!

by Rhonda Friesen, Dean of Students

It is amazing to feel the transformative energy of smiling faces and cheerful chatter of people once again on campus ... whether these are just down the hall or streaming through the large classroom computer monitors. While virtual and on-line gathering opportunities have been a lifeline during the pandemic, we have missed our in-person interactions and are grateful that technology has enabled us to remain connected with each other, no matter where we are located.

As we embrace the different ways that we are able to see and communicate with one another, it seems that fall 2022 at Booth UC might be characterized by the theme Connected in Diversity. We are learning to interact simultaneously with those who are in the room with us physically as well as those who are with us virtually. The barrier of physical distance is being dismantled, and we are learning to connect in new ways with patience, creativity, inclusion and deference to other voices.

The fall term at Booth UC began with fun, games, exploration and friendship at our Welcome Day event. Newly enrolled students joined those who had enrolled in previous years but had never been to campus. The smiles and laughter were contagious as students gained new appreciation for this learning community called Booth UC. Student Council contributed free pancakes with all the toppings for those who stopped by the Booth Bistro during Welcome Week and hosted on-line games to engage students virtually.

Students have once again filled several floors of the Booth UC Residence and are actively building a close-knit Residence community. Weekly sports events in the Booth UC gym, games and movie nights, special dinners and fun-filled outings have made campus living a highlight for these Booth UC students.

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Students elected five new Student Council members in September, filling out the team who immediately began planning events for the term. The Halloween costume contest offered candy-filled fun. A toy drive for The Salvation Army's Toy Mountain, student Christmas banquet and Christmas sweater pancake breakfast motivated a spirit of giving and celebration as we moved through the Christmas season.

Connecting students with each other across different locations, various backgrounds and multiple degree programs is important, but Student Services also continues to work hard to support each individual student in their pursuit of a Booth UC education. The Academic Learning Centre provides one-on-one tutoring options for all students and remains one of our most popular services. We have increased our supports for student mental health this year, offering a new partnership with Providence University College through which Booth UC students can receive counselling sessions with graduate level interns. The Accessibility Services program helps to ensure students with disabilities receive appropriate accommodations for them to achieve to the best of their ability. In all these many ways, Booth UC students connect in their diversity to learn, grow and live out the aspiration of Education for a Better World at Booth UC. 🇨🇦



"It seems that fall 2022 at Booth UC might be characterized by the theme Connected in Diversity." - Rhonda Friesen

Start Here

"I did."

Johnson Boateng (BSW/04)
Clinical Team Lead,
Crisis Response Centre



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Our new Chair of the Board discusses all things Booth UC

Effective September 12, 2022, Mr. David Michel was elected Chair of Booth UC's Board of Trustees, as Lt-Colonel John P. Murray has completed his term of service as a trustee and as Chair.

As a Salvationist, David brings a unique and important perspective to the role, which will be strengthened by his professional experience as an educator. Additionally, David's international education work, coupled with his IHQ relationships, will only foster the work that Booth UC is doing globally.

David is married to Nancy, who is a clinical psychologist, and they have four married children and ten grandchildren.

Tell us a little bit about yourself, your background as a Salvationist and so on.

I've been an educator and leader for more than 40 years.

For almost five years, I worked in Indonesia and was the founding head of the Kemang Village campus in downtown Jakarta. It was an exciting opportunity, a new Christian International School that continues to be well respected in the community today.

Prior to working in Indonesia, I worked for almost 35 years as a teacher and administrator in public schools, including being a director of schools and a secondary school principal.

I've worked with the International Baccalaureate Organization, or IB. I've supported and implemented IB programs in several schools, and for the last past eight years, I've worked as head of school at White Rock Christian Academy, which is an IB World School.

I've also been involved in many international education organizations, and I've provided teacher and leader professional development workshops throughout the world, including workshops for Salvation Army Officers.



I'm an active Salvationist and I've served in several leadership roles, including Bandmaster of The Salvation Army's Caribou Hill Temple Band in Burnaby, B.C., for more than 20 years.

So, my official title is retired bandmaster, but you can call me Dave!

What was your perception of Booth UC before you joined the institution?

I've always had a positive perception of Booth UC as my wife, Nancy, was a former board member about 20 years ago. And we're still good friends with former Booth UC President Dr. Jonathan Raymond. Of course, being a Salvationist, we've known several graduates of the school over the years.

“These are exciting times for Booth UC, with exciting times to come.” - David Michel

How did your perception of the institution change since you joined Booth UC?

Of course, up until recently as a member of the board, I attended meetings online, so I really didn't get too much of a perception at all. But recently, we had our first in-person meeting of the board and it was great having an opportunity to meet other board members and even take a tour of the facilities.

I've been impressed with the faculty and cabinet members that I've met, and obviously there's a strong sense of community at Booth UC.

How do you see Booth UC's growth and evolution over the last 40 years to now?

Booth UC has grown and developed to its current status as a well-respected post-secondary institution and a special educational ministry of The Salvation Army's Canada & Bermuda Territory.

Its online programs have obviously developed, and the facilities to support this offsite learning is outstanding. We had a chance to tour the Petersen Hall rooms. I've never seen anything so well equipped. To know that those were actually put in place before the pandemic just tells me that it was way ahead of its time, when you think of online learning and what's happened since the pandemic, so how exciting it is for Booth UC to have those facilities.

Booth UC will continue to provide quality education, both in person and online. And I see the potential for growth in global opportunities. The new Corporate Learning Academy has great potential to reach beyond the Canada & Bermuda Territory in supporting leadership development for both Salvation Army officers and employees. That's really exciting.



Why do you feel Booth UC is so special to the Army world and globally?

Currently, there are around 4,000 schools operated by the Salvation Army worldwide—but almost all of them are K-12 schools.

There are only a handful of post-secondary schools and Booth UC is considered the most developed in its programs. The faculty is the most experienced and qualified, and the school has an outstanding reputation in the Army world. So having the opportunity to share the Booth UC experience with the global Army community will provide even more ministry opportunities and sharing quality educational experiences. Indeed, these are exciting times for Booth UC, with exciting times to come. I'm happy to be on board and we'll see where God takes us over the next few years. 🇳🇸

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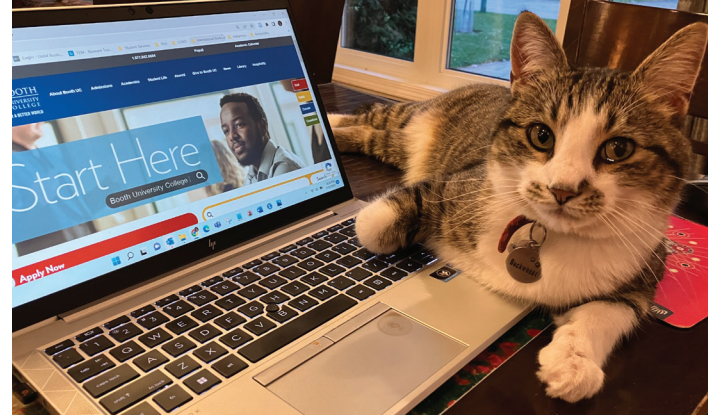
Staff & THEIR Pets

Behind many hard-working Booth UC staff are loving pets. Here, we get to know Peets, Storm and Buckwheat.

Rhonda Friesen, Dean of Students

This is Buckwheat, our energetic, mischievous and snuggly mouse-catching tabby. Buckwheat came to our house in 2018 after my daughter rescued him from a friend's farm. He was abandoned and sickly, but soon purred his way into our hearts and home. My daughter has moved out, but Buckwheat remains as special company for my husband and me, frequently offering to proofread our work! He is great fun, and we love taking him cycling or hiking when we have opportunity. My husband refers to him as "fur therapy." He is certainly that—and much more! 🇺🇸

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Angie Coe, Hospitality Manager

On a Sunday in July 2021, my 13-year-old retriever lost her battle with cancer. The following Wednesday, I got a notice of three six-week-old pups coming into the rescue I volunteer for, and I quickly claimed the little red one as my 35th foster. A Husky/Shepherd mix from a fly-in northern community, Peets and his two brothers were named after coffee companies. It didn't take long to know Peets was a permanent guest and I soon adopted him. He is quirky, energetic and very affectionate. The nine-pound seven-week-old puppy from July 2021 is now a one-and-a-half-year-old 85-pound handsome and well-mannered dog who is obsessed with water, air conditioning and everything cold. 🇺🇸

"Peets is quirky, energetic and very affectionate."

Nicolette Olokpa, Admissions Counsellor

This is Storm. He has had many name changes, all from friends. From Sky to Blue to Oscar but we have stuck with Storm the longest.

Storm is my first pet ever. I decided to get a fish in February 2022 in the dead of winter. I had no car to transport my fish and he may not have made it home with me in -20C temperature taking the bus. I improvised and stuffed the bag he was in into my winter jacket (thankfully I had enough space), so he stayed warm.

Storm initially had a longer tail, a very beautiful one with stripes of red and blue. However, one day in May while I was changing the tank water and moving things around, his tail was sliced on an aquarium decoration and he proceeded to eat it. I think it's a stress-coping mechanism because whenever he is uncomfortable, he does just that. Every now and then, he'll give himself a "haircut!"

I do miss his tail, but I've learned to love him as he is. 🇺🇸

"Storm is my first pet ever."



In the Driver's Seat

with Brittany Krahn (BSW/22) *by Kim Kakegamic*

With just two post-secondary institutions in the province offering a Bachelor of Social Work, Brittany Krahn was drawn to Booth UC for its flexibility and accessibility. Being a full-time single mom, working and trying to navigate the pandemic, “I was able to get my degree with my kids, ages two and three, at home,” Brittany explains. “All of the staff and professors worked to make the program work for me and for my schedule. I really appreciated that.” Living rurally was another potential barrier, yet the virtual and distance options truly put Brittany in the driver’s seat as they became responsible for their own learning with as much support as they needed from Booth UC.

While chatting about other things Brittany appreciated about Booth UC, they pointed out the diversity of perspectives among the professors, as well as the good learning environment for social work students, and the secure spaces for discussion and debate. “Many of the professors made it safe for students to wrestle with some of the material, to have honest conversations, and to confront biases in open and nuanced ways.”

The classroom also became one of the first places Brittany came out as genderqueer. “A couple of my profs really honoured the process I was going through, they honoured my pronouns. I could show up as a queer student and feel safe and seen.” Brittany also describes how in one class there were guest speakers who were trans and two-spirit. “Having that representation in the classroom setting was pretty formative,” they conclude.

“My peers did a good job of showing up and really challenging each other as well,” Brittany continues. Booth UC’s social work program is demanding and students go through hours of classes, practicum and seminars together. “Professionally, those connections are really helpful after you graduate and you’re all working in the field.” Today, Brittany is putting those connections to use as a counsellor at Klinik in Winnipeg. They work with individuals and families who have been affected by domestic abuse, both those who are experiencing abuse and those who are trying to decrease abusive behaviour.

Brittany credits Booth UC with preparing them to work in a “profession of values.” In fact, it is one of the many reasons Booth UC’s social work program is highly regarded and sought after in Manitoba. To practise social work, individuals must align with a Code of Ethics and Scope of Practice. “My professors did a really good job of challenging us in those 400-level classes, to confirm before we graduated that we really were applying the values of social work.” 🏳️‍🌈

“My peers did a good job of showing up and really challenging each other.”

- Brittany Krahn



PROFILES

Buetta Warkentin, Interim Academic Dean and Associate Professor



Q: Tell us a little bit about your background

I grew up in southern Ontario and came to Winnipeg to do my undergrad at Canadian Mennonite Bible College, now Canadian Mennonite University. I finished off a BA in psychology and religion, but then I wasn't quite sure what I wanted to do. I decided to do some voluntary service down in St. Louis, Missouri, as a teacher's aide, working with kids who were in the foster care system and were living in a residential treatment program. Out of that work, I decided to go back to Ontario to do a joint program at Wilfred Laurier where I was able to get a Master of Social Work with a Master of Theological Studies. Ultimately, I felt like social work was the right fit for me. I ended up being involved in child welfare work, I was a high school guidance counsellor for a while. Then I came back to Winnipeg and became involved again as a therapist with kids in care, kids at risk. Working with kids formed the backbone of what I did, but I still had a bit of that "road not travelled" piece in terms of education and teaching. When the opportunity to come to Booth UC arose, I thought, I can put all three of my interests together in terms of social work and educating social workers, as well as integrating the religious piece that was so important to me.

Q: How do the students at Booth UC inspire you?

I think our students are amazing! I'm teaching an Intro to Social Work class right now and just seeing their engagement and interest in exploring what social work means, and their willingness to have conversations that can be challenging, inspires me. When we think of Education for a Better World some of it is about taking a look at ourselves and how we interact in the world. In the Intro to Social Work class, when I see my students thinking and questioning a bit more about "am I a presence in the world in the way that I want to be?", that also inspires me. Then, the other end of it is looking at our graduates and seeing their impact on the world, whether they are in social work or one of our other programs. Booth UC students make a huge impact in Winnipeg and the world, and it's wonderful to see that. They bring their education to places that really makes a difference for those around them.

Q: What topic is particularly exciting for you to teach at Booth UC and why?

The ones that have my heart and soul are the courses grounded in that intersection of religion and faith and the practice of social work. I am currently teaching a course on social work and Christianity where we look at the history of that connection going back to the emergence of the profession. As the profession developed and grew, it distanced itself from religion and there were reasons for that. Currently, however, we're seeing a kind of shift where we're recognizing the value of religion and faith, and that our

clients come with religious, or spiritual beliefs that are really important to them and we can't ignore those pieces or brush them off. That leads to the second course that I've developed and been teaching the last few years that I'm particularly excited about: Spirituality and Social Work. It focuses on helping students become aware of those faith pieces and to interact and work with clients in a way that is spiritually safe, and valuing the diversity in our clients.

Q: How does your research and/or teaching help "Education for a Better World"?

I think it's the very practical things. Social work allows you to impact the world in practical ways. But I also think that Booth UC's liberal arts program in general is something that makes a huge impact. We're developing people to be well read, critical thinkers, who can enter the world and ask questions and wonder why and build connections. Social work is one of those pieces that sometimes is more easily seen and understood as making a difference because that's what it's built to do. But all of our degree programs create people who are better able to engage in society in ways that allow them to not just rest on assumptions, but ask questions and think critically, and push for changes within systems to make the world better for everybody.

Q: Outside of your work at Booth UC, what are you interested in?

I enjoy sitting down with a good book. I joined a golf league this year. That's been fun, a nice way to connect with people in the community. During the pandemic, I started knitting. That was significant for me. I haven't done that since I was in college! 🇨🇦



Jennifer Meixner, Assistant Professor

Q: Tell us a little bit about your background

I grew up and studied in Winnipeg. Out of high school, I began pursuing my Bachelor of Arts in Conflict Resolution Studies and working at the Metis Culture and Heritage Resource Centre with a Metis Elder and genealogist named Nellie Larocque. I travelled a little for curiosity and adventure, taught dance at the Royal Dance Conservatory for several years, and worked for Manitoba Justice in different roles over the span of a decade. During that time, I completed my Bachelor of Arts degree and then attended Booth UC in the Social Work after degree program.

I welcomed my first son in 2012 and a few years later, my journey took me back to the University of Winnipeg in the Indigenous Governance Graduate program. I continued to work full time at the Office of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth. I had my second son in 2017, and he accompanied me as a research assistant while I conducted research for my thesis on my maternity leave.

I had my first opportunity teaching at the University of Winnipeg, and since that time my passion for sharing knowledge has grown. In recent years, I have worked for Indigenous-led organizations and government, a therapy collective doing counselling with children, youth and families, and established my own private practice. I became a sessional instructor at Booth UC in 2020, and I started as faculty in July 2022.

Q: How do the students at Booth UC inspire you?

I have been fortunate to have had connections to Booth UC students since 2010 in the context of supervising practicum students in the field, then as colleagues that I respect, and now as students who continue to teach and motivate me every day. I am inspired by students' passion and commitment to their studies, and how they exemplify love and hope even when facing challenges. This first semester back on campus has been exciting because students have filled the classroom with life that we have all been missing. I enjoy hearing their stories; they spark youthfulness, yet wisdom, and they are always insightful. My favourite thing has been to hear laughter, and to witness connections and growth.

Q: What topic is particularly exciting for you to teach at Booth UC and why?

I have always been very passionate about social justice for Indigenous peoples in Canada. As a social work student

myself, I often researched and wrote my papers on related topics. As a social worker in the field, I had the privilege working with predominantly Indigenous peoples as service users and, more importantly, I have worked in Indigenous-led organizations and governance where I humbly learn from brilliant teachers. It has been a rewarding journey to incorporate my passion, who I am, and experience in the field, into all the courses I teach, especially the Indigenous Peoples and Social Work Practice course. I believe that it's not only what we learn but also how we learn and share knowledge that is meaningful and exciting; Indigenous ways of knowing and being has so much to offer us all.

Q: What gives you inspiration/motivation in your field?

I am inspired by my family's stories and community to continue learning and sharing in a good way. When you have the privilege of living and sharing your passion, this is called heart work, and it's part of a personal and collective journey in an era of reconciliation. Heart work can be heavy at times, but it is the most rewarding. I am continuously inspired by the fierce leaders and survivors in the community to do my part in whatever ways are revealed to me.

Q: How does your research and/or teaching help "Education for a Better World"?

Indigenous Philosopher Dr. Leroy Littlebear describes central tenants to Indigenous ways of knowing; all things are imbued with spirit and therefore we live in relationships to everything around us (Belanger, 2017). From this view, knowledge is living, and we have relationships to what we know and share. For example, when you learn something new you can tend to it; learn more, thinking critically, evolve and participate in change for a better world for all. You can also choose to do nothing. This choice aside, seeds are planted through education, so there is hope in our classrooms (whether it be on a campus, in the community, or on the land).

Elder Charlotte Nolan has said that we are meant to learn something new every day if we want to make the most out of our lives. She says knowledge does not belong to us and that it is meant to be shared. I believe there is incredible opportunity to spread love and justice through the experience of knowledge. It is through knowledge that we come to understand ourselves, one another, and the world beyond. These teachings remind me every day of my role to learn as much as I can so that I can serve and share it with others.

Q: Outside of your work at Booth UC, what are you interested in?

Currently, I spend most of my time outside of Booth UC at hockey arenas with my sons. I love to volunteer for their hockey teams and our community centre. As I mentioned earlier, heart work is fundamental in who I am as a person and what I can share with others, so outside of Booth UC I remain committed to working with Indigenous-led organizations, movements and community. These opportunities, and tending to my faith and spirit, truly inform and inspire everything I share in the classroom and the wider Booth UC community. 🇨🇦

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MISSION STATEMENT:

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The 2021-2022 year was deeply steeped in COVID and uncertainty. Your financial assistance meant that there was one less variable for students. Booth UC helped along the way too, with a vibrant and virtual student year. We held awareness weeks on topics ranging from Indigenous Perspectives to Heritage Days. There were four Earl Robinson Memorial Lectures and three Toolkit Talks, engaging our community around the world. And once again, we gathered virtually for Convocation and saw our graduates proudly step forward into the waiting world, certain that they were equipped for the adventure ahead. Our commitment of Education for a Better World should have an asterisk that says, "Made possible by the love, support and dedication of our marvelous community, through the grace of God." You are an integral part of our community, and we thank you for your kindness for helping to make it all possible.

May God continue to provide His guiding presence to us all,

Susan

Lieut. Colonel (Dr) Susan L van Duinen
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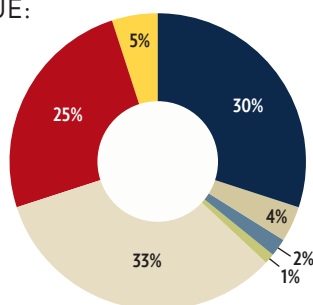


TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES AWARDED

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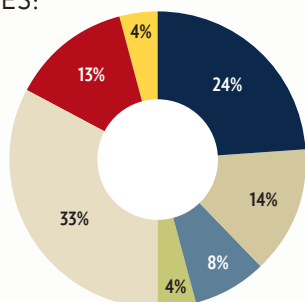
OPERATING FUND ACTIVITIES

REVENUE:



■ Tuition/Fees	\$ 2,378,415
■ Auxiliary Enterprises	\$ 322,344
■ Room & Board	\$ 137,064
■ Donations & Private Gifts	\$ 89,489
■ Allocation from other Salvation Army Entities	\$ 2,675,839
■ Interest on Funds and other Grants from THQ	\$ 2,045,319
■ Province of Manitoba Grant	\$ 393,600
Total Revenue	\$ 8,042,070

EXPENSES:



■ Instruction	\$ 1,343,657
■ Academic Support	\$ 759,546
■ School for Continuing Studies	\$ 440,207
■ Student Development	\$ 244,866
■ Institution Support	\$ 1,855,948
■ Operations & Maintenance	\$ 740,224
■ Hospitality Services	\$ 216,104
Total Expenses	\$ 5,600,552

Net Income before Undernoted
\$ 2,441,518

Net Transfer from Restricted Funds
\$ -2,086,809

Net Addition to Current Fund Balance
\$ 354,709

Auditing Firm: KPMG
Full audited Financial Statements are available from Booth UC Management

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Scholar's Choice

by Ken Ramstead

For international BBA student Kevin Rop, scholarships have been the foundation of his success at Booth UC.

"I've got pretty much every scholarship available to international students at Booth UC," Kevin Rop says proudly. "It's not something I take lightly. It's through grace that I've been able to continue to work hard in school and focus on studies courtesy of these scholarships, because it really lifts the weight off my family's shoulders. I appreciate The Salvation Army's continued support."

From 21C to -25C!

Kevin Rop grew up in faith, surrounded by loving Salvation Army parents.

"Back home in Kenya, we have a strong system of belief," he says. "The average child in the village or in the country has parents who subscribe to some faith."

Growing up, Kevin's own parents were able to send him to boarding school in the capital city of Nairobi.

"That's what really molded my faith," he says. "I attended Alliance High School, founded to educate future leaders of the country."

The school's motto is "Strong to Serve" and the best students attend from all over the country.

It was there that he began to think about his next step in life.

"I realized for me to be of good service to my community, I needed to build a career where I can have impact," Kevin says.

He debated about whether to go into the field of medicine like his mother but realized he could help his country more by working in the economic sphere. It was then that a visiting officer from the Canada & Bermuda Territory mentioned Booth UC.

"While the timelines were tight, the school admissions counsellors were incredibly helpful and instrumental in getting me enrolled," Kevin says. "I got my admission package, I sent in my application, booked my classes, applied for my study permit and I was ready go."

"I landed in Winnipeg right at the end of December, at the height of winter," he continues. "It was a bit shocking. When I left Nairobi, it was 21C. When I arrived here, it was -25C. But Booth UC soon became my home!"



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- Kevin Rop

Weight Lifted

Booth UC became even more of a home to Kevin because it opened up opportunities, and scholarships.

For him, the latter was key.

“I actually won a scholarship before I got here,” he says. “I believe that really was the tipping point in the mind of the visa officer who granted me my study permit, because I was demonstrating that I was already a leader for my community and that I already had a scholarship to study here. That effort alone, I believe, strongly influenced the decision of the Canadian High Commission in Nairobi to grant my visa.”

Despite being an exemplary student, however, Kevin admits he would have found it impossible to stay at Booth UC without the scholarships he acquired.

“The scholarships are significant part of our tuition expense, and one year as an international student, would be more than our family’s combined household income over two to three years. It’s been a big weight lifted off my parents’ shoulders.”

Paying It Back

Now in his final year, Kevin intends to stay in Canada and apply for Canadian citizenship.

“I’ll put into practice what I’ve learned in school, the values that I’ve built over the years while building links between Booth UC and my community back home,” he explains. “I hope to be successful and build a career out of the education and upbringing that God has given me, and help the next generation of African and international students who come to Booth UC, just as my way was made lighter for me by graduates such as my friend Japhlet Lolo.

“Booth UC and The Salvation Army have been the pillar for my successes here, and I hope to pay it back to the next generation.” 🇨🇦

Here is the list of Kevin Rop’s awards:



Residence Leadership and Engagement Award: \$1000 per term (\$2000 per year)

This award is for a new Booth UC student, admitted to Booth UC Residence, who demonstrates leadership and commitment to community engagement through volunteerism and social entrepreneurship. This award is renewable for one additional year, at 50%, pending successful reapplication.



Major and Mrs. Festus Uko Abara Scholarship: \$2000 per term (\$4000 per year)

The scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance up to \$4,000, toward tuition and books, for Salvationist students from African Salvation Army Territories studying at Booth UC as a full-time student.



Salvationist Tuition Scholarship: \$1000 per term (\$2000 per year)

This award is available to Salvationist students in all territories, both incoming and returning, with an incoming high school average of >70% or transfer students with a CGPA of >2.7 and is automatically renewable for 2nd-4th Year. Must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per term.



Salvationist Residence Award: \$500 per term (\$1000 per year)

Automatically awarded and renewable for second, third and fourth year. This award is available to Salvationist students from all territories, both incoming and returning. Must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (4 courses) and reside in the Booth UC campus residence facility. It cannot be awarded to Residence Leadership and Engagement Award recipients.



Church Leadership & Missions-Ruth Timmerman Memorial Scholarship: \$600

This scholarship is awarded to a student who attends The Salvation Army at: 1. Living Hope Community Church, 2. Another Salvation Army church or corps, or 3. Is active in a church of another denomination. This student must demonstrate exemplary Christian character and leadership both in the life of the church and at Booth UC, and has a financial need.



Oh, the places admissions have gone

by Keegan Braun, former Senior Admissions Counsellor

For the past 2 1/2 years, travel has been difficult or not advisable with health and safety concerns, and other barriers top of mind. However, for the past five months, Booth UC's Admissions Office has had a wild ride as we venture out once again! Our travels have taken us all over Winnipeg, Manitoba and Canada. With travelling comes the ability to connect with students, which is one of our favourite things to do in the Admissions Office.

We began near the end of September 2022, participating in three of seven Manitoba Public Post-Secondary Cooperative School Tours. During this time, Eliza Thomas, our newest Booth UC Admissions Counsellor, visited 20 different rural Manitoba schools. She chatted with students about their futures and the post-secondary options available to them in their home province. Since Eliza grew up in New York City and is quite a foodie, she enjoyed discovering rural Manitoba's hidden food gems.

Our next large high school tour, Universities Fair Week, took place during the first week of November. The tour is held all over the city of Winnipeg, and I had the chance to travel to eight different schools, with multiple schools attending each tour location. I connected with students from all over Winnipeg who were seeking out how to pursue their passions.

"We connected with rural Manitoba students and the post-secondary options available in their home province." - Keegan Braun

Our travels have also taken us across Canada! In October, I got to visit the Province of Newfoundland and connect with Salvationists and Officers at the provincial Fuse event. Many shared fond memories of their time at CFOT and taking courses at Booth UC, including many who studied at the School for Continuing Studies. While my time was mostly taken up by travel and work, I was able to fit in a hike right along the coast in St. John's.

While it's been busy and sometimes challenging to get back into "travel mode," the Admissions Office is very happy to be connecting with students face-to-face across the province and country about Education for a Better World. 🇨🇦



Staff & FACULTY NEWS

Welcome to Our New Staff!

Joyce Mweetwa is the new Kitchen Assistant at Booth Bistro. Joyce comes to Booth UC with over five years experience working as a Kitchen Assistant for various establishments including Promenade Café and Wine, and Fort Gibraltar.



Micael Moura joined the Advancement team as Development and Alumni Associate. Micael has a Bachelor of Law and a certificate with a specialization in Human Rights from Rio Grande do Norte's State University. His work in Brazil included Assistant to the District Attorney at the Public Prosecutor's Office and Cabinet Assistant to a judge at the State Court. He previously worked for Booth UC in the School for Continuing Studies and is currently studying Advanced Business Administration at the University of Winnipeg.

Stuart Murdoch is our new Facilities Manager. Stuart holds an ONC and HNC Electrical and Electronic Engineering degree from the United Kingdom, as well as the professional certification of Red Seal Industrial Electrician's License. He has many years of experience as a Property Manager, Industrial Electrician, Electrical Contractor, Maintenance Supervisor and, more recently, he worked for Gerdau as a Melt Shop Electrical Supervisor.



Eliza Thomas joined our Admissions team as Admissions Counsellor. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science/Social Services from Canadian Mennonite University. Prior to Booth UC, she worked as Administrative Support/Client Activity Coordinator at Sturgeon Creek II and Crisis Response Support at Turning Leaf. She also has a range of volunteer experience including work as a tutor at Needs Inc. and Youth Ministry Instructor with Awana.

Jennylyn Diones is our new Administrative Coordinator-Academic. She comes to Booth UC with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a Master's in Business Administration from Lyceum of the Philippines University. She spent eight years in administrative roles at the Lyceum of the Philippines University. More recently, she was employed as a Senior CRS with Nexus Technologies Inc.





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